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Summary

The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) was established by the Security Council on 19 March 1978. The present report contains the proposed budget of UNIFIL for the 12-month period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, which amounts to $136,719,500 gross ($132,706,000 net). It reflects an 11.9 per cent increase in gross terms when compared with the resources approved for the 12-month period ending 30 June 1998. The increase is due mainly to the upward revision in local staff salaries by 61.8 per cent, effective 1 March 1997, the proposed establishment of 52 additional posts (3 international staff and 49 Local level posts), as well as the replacement of vehicles and communications equipment.

The budget provides for maintaining the Force, consisting of 4,513 troops (3,518 infantry and 995 logistics), supported by a civilian establishment of 528 (146 international and 382 Local level) posts.

The action to be taken by the General Assembly, set out in paragraph 27 of the report, is the appropriation of $136,719,500 gross ($132,706,000 net) for the 12-month period beginning 1 July 1998 to be assessed at the monthly rate of $11,393,292 gross ($11,058,833 net), subject to the extension of the mandate of the Force by the Security Council.

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I. Introduction

1. The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) was established for an initial period of six months by the Security Council in its resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978. The Force's mandate has subsequently been extended by the Council in various resolutions, the latest of which was resolution 1151 (1998) of 30 January 1998, which extended the mandate of UNIFIL to 31 July 1998.

2. For the financing of UNIFIL, the General Assembly, in its resolution 51/233 of 13 June 1997, *inter alia*, appropriated the amount of $124,969,700 gross ($120,860,700 net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of the amount of $4,708,300 for the support account for peacekeeping operations, to be assessed on Member States at a monthly rate of $10,414,142 gross ($10,071,725 net), subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 31 July 1997. In the same resolution, the General Assembly authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in the amount of $1,773,618 to cover the costs resulting from the incident at the headquarters of the Force at Qana on 18 April 1996.

II. Political mandate

3. In its resolution 425 (1978), the Security Council entrusted UNIFIL with the mandate of confirming the withdrawal of Israeli forces, restoring international peace and security and assisting the Government of Lebanon in ensuring the return of its effective authority in the area of operations. UNIFIL has been prevented so far from implementing any part of that mandate. In the meantime, its task remains as laid down in the Secretary-General's report of 19 March 1978 (S/1261), namely, to ensure the peaceful character of its area of operation or, more precisely, of that part of the area which is not under Israeli occupation. In doing so, UNIFIL also affords a measure of protection to the civilian population.

III. Operational plan and requirements

4. To meet the task identified above, the military component of UNIFIL comprises a force headquarters, six infantry battalions and a mobile reserve company, together with supporting logistic and administrative units. The battalions are deployed throughout the south of Lebanon in a network of 151 positions, which are staffed 24 hours a day and are of three types: checkpoints, for the control of movement on the principal roads in the UNIFIL area of operations; observation posts, for observing movement on and off the roads in the area of operations; and checkpoints/observation posts, which combine the functions of control and observation. Each position is assigned responsibility for ensuring that hostile activities are not undertaken from the surrounding area. This involves not only keeping watch from observation posts but also patrolling the vicinity by foot and vehicle. The battalions are supported in their task by a Force Mobile Reserve consisting of a composite mechanized company, which is deployed when serious incidents occur and is used to reinforce positions during rotations. UNIFIL also has under operational control military observers of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO), who man a number of observation posts along the Israel-Lebanon armistice demarcation line and operate mobile patrols in that part of the area of operations which is controlled by Israel. A helicopter wing is maintained with the primary function of patrol and reconnaissance flights over the mission area, in particular

where the establishment of observation posts or travel by surface is difficult. The wing also undertakes coastal patrols, medical evacuation and search and rescue operations.

5. While each battalion has indigenous medical support, the Force also has a Polish medical company, which provides second-line medical support from Naqoura, covering the entire area of operations. In addition to supporting the Force, medical teams from both the medical company and all battalions provide care to the local population.

6. Each battalion has first-line maintenance capability. In addition, the Polish maintenance company and the Civilian Transport Section provide second-line support for the vehicles and other major equipment held by the Force. Logistic support is provided by the French and Polish logistic units.

7. A composite engineering unit was formed with elements from Poland providing artisan, construction and maintenance skills as well as explosive ordnance disposal, mine-clearing earthworks and road works capabilities.

8. A Force headquarters, based predominantly in Naqoura, provides the necessary command and control of the Force together with liaison with the Governments of Lebanon and Israel, the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF), UNTSO and a number of non-governmental organizations. Support to the Force is provided by a civilian component based mainly in Naqoura.

9. The concept of operation has through the years evolved from one of static deployment to a concept heavily reliant on mobile operation. Instead of concentrating at remote checkpoints or isolated observation posts, UNIFIL, in order to preform its tasks more effectively, is now conducting more mobile patrols and setting up temporary checkpoints and temporary observation posts. By increasing its presence by vigorous and visible patrolling, UNIFIL is doing its best to prevent its area of deployment from being used for hostile activities and to defuse situations that could lead to escalation. This means an unavoidable dependence on military-pattern vehicles and in particular armoured personnel carriers. In fact, armoured personnel carriers are the only vehicles for conducting temporary checkpoints and temporary observation posts because they can deploy without much regard to the ongoing military activity. Armoured personnel carriers are also required for protection of the local population, which has become one of the important tasks of UNIFIL. In particular, in prolonged shelling operations, UNIFIL will be put under heavy demand for humanitarian assistance. Under dangerous conditions, however, the assistance can be extended only by the help of armoured personnel carriers. These are the reasons for the requirements of a strong mobile capacity as indicated in the current budget proposals.

IV. Financial administration

A. Financial period

10. A financial period for UNIFIL was established by the General Assembly in its resolution 42/223 of 21 December 1987 covering the 12-month period from 1 February of one year to 31 January of the following year. In accordance with part I of resolution 49/233 A, a new financial period covering 12 months, beginning on 1 July of one year and terminating on 30 June of the following year, became effective on 1 July 1996.

B. Resources made available and operating costs from inception to 30 June 1998

11. Resources totalling $2,882.0 million gross have been made available to the Force from inception to 30 June 1998 and estimated expenditures amount to $2,865.3 million gross for the same period. In addition, credits returned to Member States amounted to $16.1 million.

C. Status of assessed contributions

12. Amounts totalling $2,757.8 million have been assessed on Member States for the period from inception to 31 December 1997. Contributions received as at 31 December 1997 for the same period amounted to $2,646.7 million. In addition, outstanding assessments were reduced by an amount of $9.9 million pursuant to resolution 50/83 of 15 December 1995. The outstanding balance of $111.1 million includes an amount of $19.6 million transferred to a special account in accordance with resolution 36/116 A of 10 December 1981.

D. Voluntary contributions and trust funds

13. The General Assembly, in paragraph 14 of its resolution 51/233, invited voluntary contributions to UNIFIL from Member States both in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General. During the period under review, a voluntary contribution in cash in the amount of $2,707 has been received from the Government of Cyprus and 112 medical items valued at $48,800 were received from the Government of Germany. The Government of Switzerland has continued to made available to UNIFIL air ambulance service for the repatriation of those wounded or taken ill in the performance of their duties, as and when required. This service was not utilized by UNIFIL during the period from 1 January to 31 December 1997.

14. No trust fund has been established in support of UNIFIL.

V. Status of reimbursement to troop-contributing Governments

15. As at 31 January 1998, troops are provided by Fiji, Finland, France, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Nepal, Norway and Poland. During the period from December 1996 to June 1997, troops were provided by Estonia as an integrated part of the Norwegian battalion. In the past, troops have also been provided to the Force by Canada, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nigeria, the Netherlands, Senegal and Sweden.

16. Full reimbursement in accordance with standard rates established by the General Assembly for troop costs has been made to the troop-contributing States through 31 May 1997. It is estimated that an amount of $40.4 million is due for troop costs for the period ending 31 January 1998.

VI. Signature of a status-of-forces agreement

17. A status-of-forces agreement was signed between the United Nations and the Government of Lebanon on 15 December 1995.

VII. Cost estimates for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999

18. As shown in annex I, column 2, the cost of maintaining the Force for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 is estimated at $136,719,500 gross ($132,706,000 net). The budget provides for the maintenance of the Force, consisting of 4,513 troops (3,518 infantry and 995 logistics personnel) supported by a civilian establishment of 528 (146 international and 382 local).

19. For comparison purposes, approved resources for the prior 12-month period, from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, amounting to $126,874,300 gross ($122,739,300 net), are shown in column 1. A breakdown of the proposed budget by non-recurrent and recurrent costs is shown in columns 3 and 4, respectively. Non-recurrent costs amount to $10,735,300, while recurrent costs amount to $125,984,200 gross ($121,970,700 net).

20. Supplementary information on the cost estimates is presented in annex II. Annex II.A provides mission-specific cost parameters. Non-recurrent requirements are provided in annex II.B. Supplementary explanation on the cost estimates is provided in annex II.C.

21. The proposed budget reflects an increase of $9,845,200 gross over the resources provided for the prior 12-month period ending 30 June 1998, excluding the provision for the support account. The increase is attributable to the upward revision in local staff salaries by 61.8 per cent effective 1 March 1997, the proposed establishment of 52 additional posts (3 international staff and 49 Local level posts) as well as the replacement of vehicles and communications equipment.

22. In order for the United Nations to improve the aviation services received, the Office of Internal Oversight Services has recommended that measures be taken to strengthen the Organization's capability to assess vendor viability and suitability, including safety records and compliance with international safety regulations.

23. In order to implement that recommendation, provision has been made in the present budget for the following:

(a) Travel of two Headquarters personnel and one aviation specialist to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) for a training course. An amount of $7,042 has been included under other travel costs for travel ($5,012) and daily subsistence allowance for 13.5 days ($2,030);

(b) The UNIFIL share of the annual subscription cost of Jeppesen's aircraft database ($1,700), which will be maintained in New York;

(c) Subscription to aviation publications ($500).

VIII. Staffing requirements

24. The current authorized staffing for UNIFIL totals 476 posts, consisting of 143 international and 333 local staff. As at 31 January 1998, a total of 498 staff were on board, consisting of 129 international and 369 local staff. The proposed staffing requirements total 528 posts, consisting of 146 international and 382 local staff, including 52 additional posts (3 international (1 P-5 and 2 P-3) and 49 Local level posts). Justifications and job descriptions for the proposed establishment of 52 additional posts are provided in annex V. The current and proposed staffing is shown in the table below. The detailed breakdown of the staffing table is contained in annex IV.

Table **Civilian staffing table**

	Current staffing	*Proposed staffing requirements*	*Net change*
Assistant Secretary-General	1	1	—
D-1	2	2	—
P-5	3	4	1
P-4	4	4	—
P-3	5	7	2
P-2	3	3	—
Field Service	80	80	—
General Service (Other level)	45	45	—
Subtotal	**143**	**146**	**3**
Local staff	333	382	49
Total	**476**	**528**	**52**

25. Following a review of the use of internationally recruited General Service staff, with a view to their replacement by Local level staff, it has been determined that, for operational reasons, the current number of authorized internationally recruited General Service posts must be maintained.

IX. Observations and comments on previous recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

26. In paragraph 24 of its report of 2 April 1997 (A/51/684/Add.1), the Advisory Committee requested that updated information on the cost of UNTSO military observers deployed in the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) and UNIFIL be provided in the financing reports of these two operations. Accordingly, final expenditure figures of the cost to UNTSO of the support provided for the biennium 1996-1997, as well as the projected costs for the biennium 1998-1999, will be presented as an addendum to the present report.

X. Action to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-second session

27. The action to be taken by the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-second session in connection with the financing of UNIFIL is the appropriation of the amount of $136,719,500 gross ($132,706,000 net) for the 12-month period beginning 1 July 1998, to be assessed at the monthly rate of $11,393,292 gross ($11,058,833 net), subject to the extension of the mandate of the Force by the Security Council.

Annex I

Cost estimates for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999

(*Thousands of United States dollars, rounded*)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Resources approved 1 July 1997-30 June 1998	*1 July 1998 - 30 June 1999*		
		Total costs (3+4)	*Non-recurrent costs*	*Recurrent costs*
1. Military personnel costs				
(a) Military observers	—	—	—	—
(b) Military contingents				
Standard troop cost reimbursement	55 881.0	55 881.0	—	55 881.0
Welfare	776.0	952.6	—	952.6
Rations	9 249.0	9 249.0	—	9 249.0
Daily allowance	2 119.0	2 119.0	—	2 119.0
Mission subsistence allowance	—	—	—	—
Travel and subsistence allowance	150.0	104.4	—	104.4
Emplacement, rotation and repatriation of troops	5 400.0	5 400.0	—	5 400.0
Clothing and equipment allowance	3 810.0	3 810.0	—	3 810.0
Subtotal	**77 385.0**	**77 516.0**	**—**	**77 516.0**
(c) Other costs pertaining to military contingents				
Contingent-owned equipment	—	18.1	—	18.1
Death and disability compensation	1 000.0	1 000.0	—	1 000.0
Subtotal	**1 000.0**	**1 018.1**	**—**	**1 018.1**
Total, line 1	**78 385.0**	**78 534.1**	**—**	**78 534.1**
2. Civilian personnel costs				
(a) Civilian police	—	—	—	—
(b) International and local staff				
International staff salaries	7 887.0	8 235.6	—	8 235.6
Local staff salaries	4 156.0	8 502.6	—	8 502.6
Consultants	—	—	—	—
General temporary assistance	—	—	—	—
Overtime	66.0	25.0	—	25.0
Common staff costs	7 494.0	9 912.2	—	9 912.2
Mission subsistence allowance	—	—	—	—
Other travel costs	108.0	106.6	—	106.6
Subtotal	**19 711.0**	**26 782.0**	**—**	**26 782.0**

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Resources approved 1 July 1997-30 June 1998	*1 July 1998 - 30 June 1999*		
		Total costs (3+4)	*Non-recurrent costs*	*Recurrent costs*
(c) International contractual personnel	—	—	—	—
(d) United Nations Volunteers	—	—	—	—
(e) Government-provided personnel	—	—	—	—
(f) Civilian electoral observers	—	—	—	—
Total, line 2	**19 711.0**	**26 782.0**	**—**	**26 782.0**
3. Premises/accommodation				
Rental of premises	114.0	131.7	—	131.7
Alteration and renovation of premises	—	—	—	—
Maintenance supplies	920.0	928.2	—	928.2
Maintenance services	195.0	189.7	—	189.7
Utilities	220.0	193.3	—	193.3
Construction/prefabricated buildings	1 435.0	1 498.6	1 498.6	—
Total, line 3	**2 884.0**	**2 941.5**	**1 498.6**	**1 442.9**
4. Infrastructure repairs	—	—	—	—
5. Transport operations				
Purchase of vehicles	2 930.0	6 729.1	6 729.1	—
Rental of vehicles	—	—	—	—
Workshop equipment	240.0	179.0	179.0	—
Spare parts, repairs and maintenance	3 013.0	4 918.9	—	4 918.9
Petrol, oil and lubricants	2 481.0	2 257.3	—	2 257.3
Vehicle insurance	414.0	852.8	—	852.8
Total, line 5	**9 078.0**	**14 937.1**	**6 908.1**	**8 029.0**
6. Air operations				
Helicopter operations				
Hire/charter costs	1 140.0	1 140.0	—	1 140.0
Aviation fuel and lubricants	70.0	45.5	—	45.5
Positioning/depositioning costs	—	—	—	—
Resupply flights	—	—	—	—
Painting/preparation	—	—	—	—
Liability and war-risk insurance	8.0	22.0	—	22.0
Total, line 6	**1 218.0**	**1 207.5**	**—**	**1 207.5**
7. Naval operations	—	—	—	—

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Resources approved 1 July 1997-30 June 1998	1 July 1998 - 30 June 1999		
		Total costs (3+4)	Non-recurrent costs	Recurrent costs
8. Communications				
(a) Complementary communications				
Communications equipment	653.0	1 051.4	1 051.4	—
Spare parts and supplies	335.0	606.7	—	606.7
Workshop and test equipment	44.0	56.0	56.0	—
Commercial communications	227.0	302.2	—	302.2
Subtotal	**1 259.0**	**2 016.3**	**1 107.4**	**908.9**
(b) Main trunking contract	—	—	—	—
Total, line 8	**1 259.0**	**2 016.3**	**1 107.4**	**908.9**
9. Other Equipment				
Office furniture	33.0	34.3	34.3	—
Office equipment	29.0	79.2	79.2	—
Data-processing equipment	167.0	321.0	321.0	—
Generators	—	—	—	—
Observation equipment	124.0	277.7	277.7	—
Petrol tank plus metering equipment	—	—	—	—
Water and septic tanks	—	—	—	—
Medical and dental equipment	43.0	60.0	60.0	—
Accommodation equipment	309.0	312.1	312.1	—
Miscellaneous equipment	131.0	136.9	136.9	—
Field defence equipment	—	—	—	—
Water purification equipment	—	—	—	—
Refrigeration equipment	—	—	—	—
Spare parts, repairs and maintenance	1 115.0	1 242.2	—	1 242.2
Total, line 9	**1 951.0**	**2 463.4**	**1 221.2**	**1 242.2**
10. Supplies and services				
(a) Miscellaneous services				
Audit services	82.0	84.6	—	84.6
Contractual services	600.0	554.8	—	554.8
Data-processing services	—	—	—	—
Security services	43.0	56.1	—	56.1
Medical treatment and services	150.0	180.0	—	180.0
Claims and adjustments	—	60.5	—	60.5
Official hospitality	—	1.5	—	1.5

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Resources approved 1 July 1997-30 June 1998	*1 July 1998 - 30 June 1999*		
		Total costs (3 + 4)	*Non-recurrent costs*	*Recurrent costs*
Miscellaneous other services	170.0	164.2	—	164.2
Subtotal	**1 045.0**	**1 101.7**	**—**	**1 101.7**
(b) Miscellaneous supplies				
Stationery and office supplies	190.0	212.0	—	212.0
Medical supplies	400.0	450.0	—	450.0
Sanitation and cleaning materials	84.0	161.3	—	161.3
Subscriptions	38.0	39.8	—	39.8
Electrical supplies	—	—	—	—
Ballistic protective blankets for vehicles	—	—	—	—
Uniform items, flags and decals	372.0	569.5	—	569.5
Field defence stores	353.0	296.6	—	296.6
Operational maps	—	—	—	—
Quartermaster and general stores	670.0	678.3	—	678.3
Miscellaneous supplies	—	—	—	—
Subtotal	**2 107.0**	**2 407.5**	**—**	**2 407.5**
Total, line 10	**3 152.0**	**3 509.2**	**—**	**3 509.2**
11. Election-related supplies and services	—	—	—	—
12. Public information programmes	—	—	—	—
13. Training programmes	—	2.9	—	2.9
14. Mine-clearing programmes	—	—	—	—
15. Assistance for disarmament and demobilization	—	—	—	—
16. Air and surface freight				
Transport of contingent-owned equipment	—	—	—	—
Military airlifts	—	—	—	—
Commercial freight and cartage	413.0	332.0	—	332.0
Total, line 16	**413.0**	**332.0**	**—**	**332.0**
17. United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi	—	—	—	—
18. Support account for peacekeeping operations	4 708.3	—	—	—
19. Staff assessment	4 115.0	3 993.5	—	3 993.5
Total, lines 1-19	**126 874.3**	**136 719.5**	**10 735.3**	**125 984.2**
20. Income from staff assessment				
Staff assessment	(4 115.0)	(3 993.5)	—	(3 993.5)
Other	(20.0)	(20.0)	—	(20.0)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Resources approved 1 July 1997-30 June 1998	*1 July 1998 - 30 June 1999*		
		Total costs (3+4)	*Non-recurrent costs*	*Recurrent costs*
21. Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	—	—	—	—
Total, lines 20-21	**(4 135.0)**	**(4 013.5)**	**—**	**(4 013.5)**
Gross requirements	126 874.3	136 719.5	10 735.3	125 984.2
Net requirements	122 739.3	132 706.0	10 735.3	121 970.7
22. Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)	—	—	—	—
Total resources	**122 739.3**	**132 706.0**	**10 735.3**	**121 970.7**

Annex II

Cost estimates for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999: supplementary information

A. Mission-specific costs and ratios

Description	Previous submission	Proposed estimates: Average strength	Unit or daily cost	Monthly cost	Annual cost	Ratio	Explanation
			(United States dollars)				
1. Military personnel							
Infantry	3 518	3 518					
Logistic/support	995	995					
Travel to duty station							
Netanya	23		23				
Nahariya	23		23				
Duty travel (overnight)							
Israel	53		53				
Lebanon	67		67				
Meal allowances for temporary duty	8		8				
Travel over 10 hours	26 80		26 80				
2. Subsistence allowance							
Tel Aviv	92		92				
Jerusalem	76		76				
Haifa	50		50				
3. Contingent-owned equipment	—						
4. Death and disability	1 000 000				1 000 000		
5. Welfare	2 10			8			
6. Rations	5 50		5 50				
7. Civilian personnel							
International staff	143	146					
Local staff	193	382					
Net salary	13 100				22 258		
Common staff costs	4 500				8 235		
Staff assessment	3 400				4 266		

Description	Previous submission	Proposed estimates: Average strength	Unit or daily cost	Monthly cost	Annual cost (United States dollars)	Ratio	Explanation
Local staff	151						
Net salary	4 305						
Common staff costs	3 562						
Staff assessment	2 357						
8. Rental of premises							
Accommodation in Beirut	91 000				108 400		
Military Police accommodation in Netanya	11 000				10 716		
Reporting and evacuation centre	12 000				12 576		
9. Utilities							
Electricity	161 900				166 304		
Water	58 100				27 000		
10. Vehicles							
Civilian-pattern	650	637					
Military-pattern	406	341					
Armoured personnel carriers	78	105					
11. Spare parts, repairs and maintenance of vehicles							
Civilian-pattern	100	637		194			
Military-pattern	458	446		642			
12. Petrol, oil and lubricants							
Petrol – benzine	141 592				110 039[a]		
Diesel fuel (generators)	1 217 675				1 254 773[a]		
Diesel fuel (vehicles)	700 876				537 710[a]		
Oil and lubricants	220 000				125 196[a]		
Kerosene	169 383				189 630[a]		
Fuel from Lebanon	31 000				40 000[a]		
13. Vehicle insurance							
Civilian-pattern	425						
Military-pattern	286						
Primary-pattern	—	978			829		
Armoured personnel carriers	—	105			400		

Description	Previous submission	Proposed estimates: Average strength	Unit or daily cost (United States dollars)	Monthly cost (United States dollars)	Annual cost (United States dollars)	Ratio	Explanation
14. Air operations							
Helicopters	4	4					
Hire/charter costs	285 000				285 000		
Aviation fuel and lubricants	17 500				11 375		
Liability and war-risk insurance	2 000				5 500		
15. Commercial communications							
Telephone	115 000				160 000		
Commercial telex/telegram	2 000				2 000		
Pouch	20 000				20 240		
16. Satellite communications							
Transponder global team	90 000				120 000		
17. Miscellaneous services							See section C of this annex for supplementary information.
Audit services	82 000				84 600		
Contractual services	600 000				554 800		
Security services	43 000				56 100		
Medical treatment and services	150 000				180 000		
Official hospitality	—				1 500		
Miscellaneous other services	170 000				164 200		
18. Miscellaneous supplies							See section C of this annex for supplementary information.
Stationery and office supplies	190 000				212 000		
Medical supplies	400 000				450 000		
Sanitation and cleaning materials	84 000				161 300		
Subscriptions	38 000				39 800		
Uniform items, flags and decals	372 000				569 500		
Field defence stores	353 000				296 600		

Description	Previous submission	Proposed estimates: Average strength	Unit or daily cost (United States dollars)	Monthly cost (United States dollars)	Annual cost (United States dollars)	Ratio	Explanation
Quartermaster and general stores	670 000				678 300		
19. Commercial freight and cartage	413 000				332 000		See section C of this annex for supplementary information.

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Type	Mean cost per 1,000 litres	Consumption (litres)
Petrol – benzine 96	187.78	585 756
Diesel fuel (generators)	173.96	7 212 924
Diesel fuel (vehicles)	173.96	3 061 416
Kerosene	154.80	1 224 576

Oil and lubricants ($125,196) and fuel from Lebanon ($40,000) (from statistics derived from previous financial periods).

B. Requirements for non-recurrent costs

(Thousands of United States dollars, unless otherwise indicated)

	(1) Current inventory	(2) Replacement	(3) Additional	(4) Total number of units (2+3)	(5) Unit cost	(6) Total cost (4x5)
1. Military personnel costs						—
2. Civilian personnel costs						—
3. Premises/accommodation						
Rental of premises						—
Alteration and renovation of premises						—
Maintenance supplies						—
Maintenance services						—
Utilities						—
Construction/prefabricated buildings						—
Prefabricated accommodation	1 395					
20-ft.		120	—	120	6 500	780 000
20-ft.		118[a]	—	118	5 000	590 000
Ablution units	156					
20-ft.		6[a]	—	6	9 000	54 000
Kitchen/dining facilities	136					
100-man		8	—	8[b]	50 000	400 000
150-man		2[a]	—	2	50 000	100 000
Offices	207	—	—	—	—	—
Hospital	10	—	—	—	—	—
Storage	45	—	—	—	—	—
Workshops	19	—	—	—	—	—
Other, Rubb hall	27	—	—	—	—	—
Subtotal	**1 995**	**254**	**—**	**254**		**1 924 000**
Freight cost at 15 per cent						288 600
Less: Transfer from the United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi						(744 000)
Subtotal	**1 995**	**254**	**—**	**254**		**1 468 600**
Construction projects						
Observation towers/shelters (watch-tower)	—	—	2	2	15 000	30 000
Subtotal, construction projects	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**		**30 000**
Subtotal, construction/prefabricated buildings	**1 995**	**254**	**2**	**256**		**1 498 600**
Total, line 3	**1 995**	**254**	**2**	**256**		**1 498 600**
4. Infrastructure repairs						—

	(1) Current inventory	(2) Replacement	(3) Additional	(4) Total number of units (2+3)	(5) Unit cost	(6) Total cost (4x5)
5. Transport operations						
Purchase of vehicles						
Armoured vehicles	105	—	—	—	—	—
Bulldozer	5	1[a]	—	1	220 000	220 000
Bus, light	30	—	—	—	—	—
Bus, medium	25	5[a]	—	5	40 000	200 000
Bus, heavy	6	2[a]	—	2	160 000	320 000
Car, light	67	23	—	23	15 000	345 000
Car, medium/heavy	9	1	—	1	18 000	18 000
Forklift, 3-5 ton (1-5 ton)	—	2[a]	—	2	30 000	60 000
Forklift, 5-6 ton (6-15 ton)	25	1[a]	—	1	80 000	80 000
Front-end loader	8	1	—	1	70 000	70 000
Jeep, light 4x4	287	41	—	41	18 000	738 000
Jeep, medium 4x4	32	—	—	—	—	—
Truck, ambulance	23	10	—	10	50 000	500 000
Truck, cargo, light	44			—		—
Single-cabin		8	—	8	16 000	128 000
Double-cabin		7	—	7	18 000	126 000
Truck, cargo, medium	77	7	—	7	75 000	525 000
Truck, cargo, heavy	70	10	—	10	100 000	1 000 000
Truck, cargo, heavy 10/20 ton	—	—	—	—	—	—
Truck, cargo, heavy with crane	2	—	—	—	—	—
Truck, crane, heavy	6	—	—	—	—	—
Truck, dump	12	2	—	2	85 000	170 000
Truck, excavator	9	2	—	2	90 000	180 000
Truck, fuel, heavy	18	4	—	4	100 000	400 000
Truck, fire	4	1	—	1	200 000	200 000
Truck, garbage	3	—	—	—	—	—
Truck, miscellaneous	7	—	—	—	—	—
Truck, mobile workshop	4	—	—	—	—	—
Truck, patrol	120	25	—	25	20 500	512 500
Truck, recovery, heavy	17	2	—	2	150 000	300 000
Truck, refrigerator	14	2	—	2	95 000	190 000
Truck, sewage	5	1[a]	—	1	120 000	120 000
Truck, tractor, heavy	12	1	—	1	60 000	60 000

	(1) Current inventory	(2) Replacement	(3) Additional	(4) Total number of units (2 + 3)	(5) Unit cost	(6) Total cost (4x5)
Truck, tractor, heavy	12	2[a]	—	2	60 000	120 000
Truck, water, heavy	35	2	—	2	95 000	190 000
Truck, water, heavy	35	3[a]	—	3	95 000	285 000
Road grader scraper	1	—	—	—	—	—
Vibrator roller (road roller)	1	1[a]	—	1	120 000	120 000
Subtotal	**1 130**	**167[a]**	**—**	**167**		**7 177 500**
Freight at 15 per cent						1 076 625
Less: Transfer from the United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi						(1 525 000)
Subtotal, purchase of vehicles	**1 130**	**167**	**—**	**167**		**6 729 125**
Rental of vehicles						—
Workshop equipment						179 000
Spare parts, repairs and maintenance						—
Petrol, oil and lubricants						—
Vehicle insurance						—
Total, line 5	**1 130**	**167**	**—**	**167**		**6 908 125**
6. Air operations						—
7. Naval operations						—
8. Communications						
(a) Complementary communications						
Communications equipment						
VHF equipment						
Mobile radio (VHF/UHF FM transceiver, general)	842	40	—	40	500	20 000
Repeater (general)	67	10	—	10	2 000	20 000
Portable radio (VHF/UHF FM transceiver, general)	516	40	—	40	500	20 000
Pagers	225	40	—	40	250	10 000
Rural telephone links	27	3	—	3	8 600	25 800
Paging encoder	10	3	—	3	500	1 500
Beacon transmitter	2	1	—	1	6 000	6 000
Beacon receiver	4	2	—	2	200	400
Military equipment						
Army/navy portable radio, comm type 77	727	100	—	100	1 300	130 000
Army/navy portable radio, comm type 126	72	—	—	—	—	—
Army/navy portable radio, comm type 601	16	—	—	—	—	—
Army/navy portable radio, comm type 614	20	—	—	—	—	—
Army/navy vehicular radio, comm type 174	12	—	—	—	—	—

	(1) Current inventory	(2) Replacement	(3) Additional	(4) Total number of units (2+3)	(5) Unit cost	(6) Total cost (4x5)
Army/navy vehicular radio, comm type 176	5	—	—	—	—	—
Hand-held radios	104	35	—	35	400	14 000
HF equipment						
HF radio set, type 174	14	—	—	—	—	—
HF radio set, type 176	21	—	—	—	—	—
Transceiver	4	—	—	—	—	—
Satellite equipment						
Local area network system	2	1	—	1	10 000	10 000
Satellite earth stations						
Fixed	1	—	—	—	—	—
Global position system	50	—	—	—	—	—
Inmarsat M	1	—	—	—	—	—
Telephone equipment						
Telephone sets	1 150	100	—	100	50	5 000
Telephone, military specifications	987	100	—	100	900	90 000
Telephone, private automatic branch exchange	16	—	1	1	28 000	28 000
Solar power panels	54	10	—	10	700	7 000
Switchboard, military specifications	103	10	—	10	4 000	40 000
Miscellaneous equipment						
Base station VHF	104	—	—	—	—	—
Digital cylink	44	—	—	—	—	—
Digital microwave link, 2 Mbps	8	2	—	2	45 000	90 000
Digital phone link, rural telephone link	40	—	—	—	—	—
Drop and insert terminal	178	—	—	—	—	—
Fax switch	1	—	—	—	—	—
Fax modem	—	—	15	15	180	2 700
Master terminal	1	—	—	—	—	—
Micronet message switch	3	—	—	—	—	—
Multiplex channels	178	—	—	—	—	—
Orderwire and alarm unit	6	—	—	—	—	—
PCSI multiplexor	1	1	—	1	10 000	10 000
Transceiver link, analog	46	—	—	—	—	—
Transceiver link, digital (microwave link)	10	4	—	4	50 000	200 000
Uninterrupted power supply 10 kVA stations	49	10	—	10	530	5 300

	(1) Current inventory	(2) Replacement	(3) Additional	(4) Total number of units (2 + 3)	(5) Unit cost	(6) Total cost (4x5)
Military equipment						
Antenna (Arab Telecommunications Union)	626	40	—	40	450	18 000
Battery charger	322	—	—	—	—	—
Handset	1 300	50	—	50	175	8 750
Intercom headset	420	140	—	140	300	42 000
Intercom system	119	16	—	16	3 000	48 000
Loudspeaker	150	—	—	—	—	—
Public address	32	6	—	6	300	1 800
Radio frequency amplifier	240	40	—	40	1 500	60 000
Subtotal	**8 930**	**804**	**16**	**820**		**914 250**
Freight at 15 per cent						137 138
Subtotal, communications equipment	**8 930**	**804**	**16**	**820**		**1 051 388**
Spare parts, repairs and maintenance						—
Workshop and test equipment						56 000
Commercial communications						—
Subtotal	**8 930**	**804**	**16**	**820**		**1 107 388**
(b) Main trunking contract						—
Total, line 8	**8 930**	**804**	**16**	**820**		**1 107 388**
9. Other equipment						
Office furniture						
Cabinet, filing, 2-drawer	75	7	—	7	80	560
Cabinet, filing, 3-drawer	78	7	—	7	120	840
Cabinet, filing, 4-drawer	377	12	—	12	145	1 740
Cabinet, metal, stationery	88	8	—	8	105	840
Chair, stackable	1 798	50	—	50	10	500
Chair, typist	268	26	—	26	90	2 340
Chair, various	1 117	20	—	20	150	3 000
Chair, with arms, office	1 355	75	—	75	160	12 000
Chair, without arms	1 279	50	—	50	128	6 400
Desk, computer	379	30	—	30	53	1 590
Desk, double pedestal	179	10	—	10	179	1 790
Desk, various, office	706	10	—	10	150	1 500
Table, coffee	358	24	—	24	50	1 200
Subtotal, office furniture	**8 057**	**329**	**—**	**329**		**34 300**

	(1) Current inventory	(2) Replacement	(3) Additional	(4) Total number of units (2 + 3)	(5) Unit cost	(6) Total cost (4x5)
Office equipment						
Date terminal	22	12	—	12	1 100	13 200
Date/time stamp	15	10	—	10	800	8 000
Desk calculator	185	30	—	30	100	3 000
Fax machine	60	—	10	10	1 500	15 000
Paper shredder, small	37	6	—	6	500	3 000
Photocopy machine, low-volume	102	8	—	8	3 000	24 000
Photocopy machine, high-volume, heavy duty	4	1	—	1	13 000	13 000
Subtotal, office equipment	**106**	**9**	**—**	**9**		**79 200**
Data-processing equipment						
Desktop	398	80	—	80	1 700	136 000
Network, medium	Coaxial-based cable	Unshielded, twisted pairs - cable	—	—	—	100 000
Notebook	41	2	—	2	2 400	4 800
Plotter	2	—	—	—	—	—
Printer, DeskJet	308	—	—	—	—	—
Printer, LaserJet	80	16	—	16	1 400	22 400
Scanner	5	—	1	1	18 000	18 000
Server	12	2	—	2	17 000	34 000
Uninterrupted power supply	384	20	—	20	290	5 800
Subtotal, data-processing equipment	**1 230**	**120**	**1**	**121**		**321 000**
Generator						
Less than 50 kVA	511	—	—	—	—	—
50-110 kVA	21	—	—	—	—	—
More than 110 kVA	48	—	—	—	—	—
Subtotal, generator	**580**	**—**	**—**	**—**		**—**
Observation equipment						
Binoculars, day-vision						
7x50	369	—	—	—	—	—
20x120	110	10	—	10	6 500	65 000
Night-vision device						
4x3	185	30	—	30	5 000	150 000
6x3	46	—	—	—	—	—
AN/PVS 7-B	93	—	—	—	—	—
PB4DS	—	—	—	—	—	—

	(1) Current inventory	(2) Replacement	(3) Additional	(4) Total number of units (2+3)	(5) Unit cost	(6) Total cost (4x5)
Lights						
Maglight	778	50	—	50	90	4 500
Searchlight, 220 V	222	20	—	20	1 100	22 000
Searchlight, vehicle	81	—	—	—	—	—
Radar	41	—	—	—	—	—
Scanner, body	37	—	—	—	—	—
Subtotal	**1 962**	**110**	**—**	**110**		**241 500**
Freight at 15 per cent						36 225
Subtotal, observation equipment	**1 962**	**110**	**—**	**110**		**277 725**
Medical and dental equipment						
Mobile emergency respirator	—	—	1	1	5 000	5 000
Patient monitor	—	—	1	1	10 000	10 000
Pulse oximeter	1	—	1	1	3 000	3 000
Replacement equipment, small	—	—	—	—	—	17 000
ULM case emergency system	—	5	—	5	5 000	25 000
Subtotal, medical and dental equipment	**1**	**5**	**3**	**8**		**60 000**
Accommodation equipment						
Can opener, industrial	39	10	—	10	74	740
Coffee maker	58	15	—	15	53	795
Cooker	293	10	—	10	300	3 000
Container, food	69	10	—	10	412	4 120
Dishwasher, industrial	10	1	—	1	16 000	16 000
Dishwasher, industrial, single-tank	2	—	5	5	5 300	26 500
Dishwasher, other	117	9	—	9	480	4 320
Fan, ceiling	608	70	—	70	35	2 450
Fan, pedestal	326	40	—	40	34	1 360
Fan, table	736	50	—	50	17	850
Food warmer	74	5	—	5	775	3 875
Freezer	249	15	—	15	500	7 500
Fryer	52	5	—	5	3 200	16 000
Fryer, deep-fat	15	—	3	3	4 500	13 500
Grill, salamander	5	—	5	5	1 800	9 000
Heater, water	83	5	—	5	375	1 875
Ice maker	25	2	—	2	1 100	2 200
Juice dispenser	215	30	—	30	519	15 570

	(1) Current inventory	(2) Replacement	(3) Additional	(4) Total number of units (2+3)	(5) Unit cost	(6) Total cost (4x5)
Meat mincer, electrical	28	2	—	2	8 000	16 000
Meat slicer, electrical	40	4	—	4	1 900	7 600
Mixer, food	35	3	—	3	6 800	20 400
Oven	121	9	—	9	800	7 200
Oven, double gas	12	—	5	5	1 500	7 500
Oven, microwave	29	10	—	10	154	1 540
Peeler, potato, industrial	26	2	—	2	3 632	7 264
Refrigerator, under 200 litres	764	35	—	35	350	12 250
Refrigerator, over 200 litres	393	25	—	25	450	11 250
Serving unit, refrigerated	9	—	5	5	4 950	24 750
Sink	157	10	—	10	660	6 600
Stove, kitchen, medium-duty	8	—	16	16	2 800	44 800
Toaster, bread, industrial	11	1	—	1	1 740	1 740
Toaster, bread, other	117	20	—	20	40	800
Urn, coffee	156	10	—	10	67	670
Washing machine	23	5	—	5	420	2 100
Worktable, kitchen	319	20	—	20	500	10 000
Subtotal, accommodation equipment	**5 224**	**433**	**39**	**472**		**312 119**
Miscellaneous equipment						
Fire-fighting equipment						
Breathing apparatus	8	8	—	8	1 800	14 400
Carbon dioxide, 5 kg	1 498	150	—	150	100	15 000
Extinguisher, foam	1 725	170	—	170	70	11 900
Extinguisher, water	2 410	250	—	250	70	17 500
Fire, beater	950	100	—	100	15	1 500
Fire, blanket	841	80	—	80	25	2 000
Fire, blanket	950	100	—	100	13	1 300
Fire, pump	30	3	—	3	400	1 200
Powder, 2/3 kg	664	70	—	70	38	2 660
Powder, 1 kg	282	30	—	30	20	600
Powder, 12 kg	401	40	—	40	90	3 600
Powder, less than 12 kg	101	10	—	10	400	4 000
Smoke detector	2 168	500	—	500	10	5 000
Hand-held mine detector						
Rapid demolition explosive	13	1	—	1	4 900	4 900

	(1) Current inventory	(2) Replacement	(3) Additional	(4) Total number of units (2+3)	(5) Unit cost	(6) Total cost (4x5)
Vallon	17	2	—	2	5 100	10 200
Ferrex	2	—	—	—	—	—
Ibinger	6	—	—	—	—	—
Heater						
Cyprus	30	5	—	5	100	500
Fujica	1 170	150	—	150	47	7 050
Space heater	730	120	—	120	26	3 120
Specialized hand tools						30 500
Subtotal, miscellaneous equipment	**13 996**	**1 789**	**—**	**1 789**		**136 930**
Field defence equipment						—
Petrol tank plus metering equipment						—
Refrigeration equipment						—
Spare parts, repairs and maintenance						—
Water-purification equipment						—
Total, line 9						**1 221 274**
10. Supplies and services						—
11. Election-related supplies and services						—
12. Public information programmes						—
13. Training programmes						—
14. Mine-clearing programmes						—
15. Assistance for disarmament and demobilization						—
16. Air and surface freight						—
17. United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi						—
18. Support account for peacekeeping operations						—
19. Staff assessment						—
Total, lines 1-19						**10 735 387**

[a] Items available from the United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi.

[b] Item cost without power supply.

C. Supplementary explanation

1. Military personnel costs

(a) Military observers ..... —

1. No provision is required under this heading.

(b) Military contingents 77 516 000

2. *Standard troop cost reimbursement.* Provision is made for the reimbursement to troop-contributing Governments for pay and allowances at the standard rate of $988 per person per month for all ranks, plus a supplementary allowance of $291 per person per month for a limited number of specialists (25 per cent of logistics and 10 per cent of other personnel). This estimate is based on an average troop strength of 4,513.

3. *Welfare.* Provision is made for payment of recreational leave at the rate of $10.50 per person per day for up to seven days of recreational leave taken during a six-month period of service ($663,411). The estimate also provides for other welfare activities, such as purchase of recreational and sports equipment, purchase of newspapers, periodicals and magazines and purchase of welfare audio/video ($289,200).

4. *Rations.* The estimate provides for feeding military members of the Force as well as those members of the civilian staff who are assigned to posts where mess facilities must be provided. Provision is made for a total of 4,513 person/days at the rate $5.50 per person per day ($9,059,848), an overlap of 0.5 per cent ($45,299) and extra rations for holidays ($491,000). This estimate excludes provision for 14 days of recreational leave for a total of 63,182 person/days ($347,501).

5. *Daily allowance.* A daily allowance for incidental expenses is paid to all military personnel at a rate of $1.28 per person per day, payable in local currency. This estimate is based on an average strength of 4,513 during the period and includes a rotation overlap provision of 0.5 per cent.

6. *Travel and subsistence allowance.* Provision is made for payment of mission subsistence allowance to military personnel who are assigned to duty stations where United Nations accommodation and/or mess facilities are not available as well as duty travel within the mission area for regular supply transport trips, inspection visits, travel of staff officers and travel of aircrew, including personnel assigned to duty station ($41,975), duty travel in the mission area ($4,800), casual meal allowances for temporary duty ($4,000) and travel over 10 hours ($53,600).

7. *Emplacement, rotation and repatriation of troops.* Provision is made for the cost of rotating contingents upon completion of their tour of duty of approximately six months' duration and for the cost of repatriating individual members of the Force for commercial, compassionate, medical or other reasons ($5,320,050). This estimate also includes the cost of chartered aircraft and transportation between airports of arrival/departure, baggage services and ground handling charges ($79,950).

8. *Clothing and equipment allowance.* This estimate provides for payment to troop-contributing Governments of a usage factor for all items of personal clothing, gear and equipment issued by those Governments to their troops at the standard rate of $65 per person per month for personal clothing, gear and equipment plus $5 per person per month for personal weapons and ammunition. This estimate is based on an average troop strength of 4,513 and takes into account an overlap factor of 0.5 per cent.

(c) *Other costs pertaining to military contingents* 1 018 100

9. *Contingent-owned equipment.* The estimate includes provision for the wet-lease cost of 20 light machine-guns, nine 50-calibre machine-guns and four 84 mm recoilless guns assumed to be leased by the United Nations during the budget period in accordance with the new procedure for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment ($18,108).

10. *Death and disability compensation.* The application of the standard provision of 1 per cent of all contingent personnel, based on annual maximum cost of $40,000 per claim would have resulted in requirement of approximately $1.8 million under this heading. However, taking into account past payment experience, the requirements for death and disability compensation for UNIFIL are lower than the standard rate.

2. Civilian personnel costs

(a) *Civilian police* ..... —

11. No provision is required under this heading.

(b) *International and local staff* 26 782 000

12. *International staff salaries.* Salaries and common staff costs of internationally recruited staff are estimated on the basis of the 1998-1999 standard cost rates for New York, while local staff salaries reflect the scale currently applicable in the mission area. The calculations are based on a total 146 posts, including the proposed establishment of 3 additional posts (1 P-5 and 2 P-3) and incorporates a 5 per cent vacancy factor. Justifications and job descriptions for the three additional posts are shown in annex V.

13. *Local staff salaries.* The substantial increase in requirements is due to the upward revision of local salaries by 61.8 per cent effective 1 March 1997 as a result of a comprehensive salary survey conducted in Lebanon and the proposed establishment of 49 additional local staff posts. The estimates for the 382 local staff posts were based on level 4, step 5, of the salary scales.

14. It is recalled that the Advisory Committee, in its report of 12 March 1996 (A/50/694/Add.1), reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to reconsider the practice of using provisions for general temporary assistance to finance positions in peacekeeping budgets that were actually temporary posts, like those in the budget of UNIFIL. Pursuant to that request, the Secretary-General, in his proposed budget for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, recommended that the 151 general temporary assistance posts be converted to local posts. The Advisory Committee, in its related report on the financing of UNIFIL (A/51/684/Add.1, para. 47), recommended that the 140 encumbered GTA posts, instead of the proposed 151, be converted to established local posts. In actual fact, the 11 posts reported as vacant were actually encumbered by 87 individual contractors under special service agreements who were regarded as necessary to replace Field Service staff assigned to various other peacekeeping missions. The proposed budget includes provision for the establishment of these 11 local posts as well as the establishment of 38 additional local posts. The functions for those additional 49 posts are as follows: 19 translators/interpreters, 11 technical assistants for two workshops, 1 communications assistant, 7 skilled maintenance workers, 6 cooks, 3 handymen and 2 language teachers. Detailed justifications and job descriptions for these additional posts are shown in annex V.

15. *Other travel costs.* Provision is made for two official trips by the Force Commander to United Nations Headquarters and within the mission area ($13,265); travel to United

Nations Headquarters, Lebanon and Israel by the Senior Adviser ($9,611); 25 duty trips to Lebanon and Israel by the Press Information Officer ($4,300); 2 duty trips to United Nations Headquarters and 6 to Beirut by the Chief Administrative Officer ($11,092); 4 duty trips to Beirut by the Senior Administrative Officer ($688); one duty trip to the United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi, and 9 to Beirut by the Budget Cost and Control Officer ($1,623); one duty trip to the Logistics Base and 2 to Beirut by the Logistics Support Officer ($1,623); one duty trip to United Nations Headquarters and 30 to Beirut/Tel Aviv/Jerusalem by the Legal Adviser ($6,557); 20 duty trips to Beirut by electricians ($3,440); 16 to Beirut by generator mechanics ($2,752); 18 to Beirut and 15 to cities within Israel by the Chief Procurement Officer ($7,086); 5 to Beirut and 5 to Tel Aviv/Jerusalem by the Contracts Officer ($2,190); 14 to Beirut by the Procurement Officer ($2,408); 5 to Beirut by the Chief Communications Officer ($860); 30 to Beirut by radio technicians ($5,160); 2 to Beirut by the Chief Transport Officer ($344); 28 to Beirut by vehicle mechanics ($4,816); 7 to Beirut by the electronic data-processing personnel ($1,204); travel by other staff for short courses/training ($9,000); one trip by two Headquarters personnel for mission assessment ($2,012) and daily subsistence allowance for 3.5 days at the rate of $80 per day ($560); one trip by the mission's aviation specialist to the International Civil Aviation Organization in Montreal, Canada, for a training course ($3,000) and daily subsistence allowance for 10 days at the rate of $147 per day ($1,470). The provision is also made for the travel of two auditors to the mission area for 28 days ($11,600).

(c) International contractual personnel ..... —

16. No provision is required under this heading.

(d) United Nations Volunteers ..... —

17. No provision is required under this heading.

(e) Government-provided personnel ..... —

18. No provision is required under this heading.

(f) Civilian electoral observers ..... —

19. No provision is required under this heading.

3. Premises/accommodation 2 941 500

20. *Rental of premises*. The cost estimate is based on rental contracts signed between UNIFIL and the respective landlords, as shown in annex II.A ($131,700).

21. *Maintenance supplies*. The estimate provides supplies for UNIFIL to refurbish and maintain buildings, facilities and camp infrastructure throughout the area of operations, the mission's headquarters in Naqoura, UNIFIL House, Beirut, the REC house, Nahariya, and the Military Police detachment, Netanya, such as electrical supplies ($150,000), supplies for routine maintenance and alteration of premises based on the rate of 2.5 per cent of the standard costs of prefabricated structures ($703,225), and camp infrastructure maintenance and repair ($75,000). Items under this heading have remained one of the Force Commander's major objectives to provide safe and hygienic accommodation for UNIFIL troops.

22. *Maintenance services*. Provision is made for the cost of contractual repairing and asphalting of the road system and parking areas in the area of operations, based on an estimated cost of $7 per square metre ($189,700).

23. *Utilities*. Provision is made to cover electricity supplied to UNIFIL-rented premises in Lebanon and Israel, based on a cost of $2,250 per month ($27,000). Provision is also made for the cost of water supplied to the area of operations, based on actual consumption of 211,000 cubic metres at a rate of $0.45 per cubic metre, as well as supply of water to the Norwegian battalion and the Tyre Logistics Base ($166,304).

24. *Construction/prefabricated buildings*. UNIFIL has a total of 1,995 prefabricated buildings, among them, 1,395 accommodation units, 156 ablution units, 136 kitchen/ diners, 176 offices, 72 warehouses, 19 workshops and 41 others such as hospital buildings and conference rooms. About 94 per cent of the prefabricated accommodation units exceed the United Nations-recommended lifespan of 10 years: all units are 15 years or older. The situation with ablution units is not as critical and the plan is to replace all units that are 10 years or older over next 3 years. The kitchen/diners do not last as long as accommodation units and for health and safety reasons those over 10 years old will be replaced over a 3-year period. Prefabricated units being used as stores, offices and so on will not be replaced but refurbished. Based on this policy, 67 accommodation units, varying in size from 18 to 200 square metres, 6 ablution units and 12 kitchen/diners, varying in size from 15 to 753 square metres will be replaced, as shown in annex II.B.

4. Infrastructure repairs ..... —

25. No provision is required under this heading.

5. Transport operations 14 937 100

26. *Purchase of vehicles*. The total number of vehicles in the UNIFIL establishment is 1,083. The replacement of vehicles is based on the policy of age, mileage and general condition. The criteria for general-purpose vehicles is five years, or 120,000 kilometres. The estimate has only included general-purpose vehicles that will reach at least eight years of age at the time of replacement, have in most cases accumulated mileage in excess of 140,000 kilometres and whose deteriorating condition does not make it economically viable to maintain them on the road. As regards special-purpose vehicles and heavy trucks and buses, criteria for replacement is eight years, or 135,000 kilometres, and 10 years or 250,000 kilometres, respectively. As of September 1997, 45 per cent of the above-mentioned type of vehicles exceeds 10 years age and 4 per cent exceeds 250,000 kilometres. In view of the above, the cost estimate provides for the replacement of 167 vehicles at a cost of $8,254,125, including freight.

27. *Workshop equipment*. The provision under this heading will permit the acquisition of the proper range of tools and equipment for the efficient maintenance of vehicles ($179,000).

28. *Spare parts, repairs and maintenance*. Based on the standard maintenance cost of $500 per vehicle per month, an amount of $6,498,000 would be required for spare parts, repairs and maintenance for 1,083 vehicles. Based on actual expenditures incurred during the 1996/97 financial period, provision is made for the maintenance of 1,083 vehicles at a rate of $194 per vehicle per month for 637 civilian-pattern vehicles and $642 per month for 446 military-pattern vehicles.

29. *Petrol, oil and lubricants*. The requirement has been determined from the monthly consumption statistics during the 1996/97 financial period in the mission area, based on the rates listed in annex II.A.

30. *Vehicle insurance*. The estimate reflects worldwide third-party liability insurance premiums applicable to the Middle East effective 1 June 1996, as indicated in annex II.A.

6. Air operations 1 207 500

31. *Hire/charter costs*. This estimate includes provision for the cost of the rental of four helicopters under the terms of agreement with the Government of Italy. The primary function of the helicopter wing is for patrol and reconnaissance flights over the mission area, in particular where the establishment of observation posts or travel by surface is difficult. Other purposes include coastal patrol, medical evacuation and search and rescue operations.

32. *Aviation fuel and lubricants*. The cost estimate is based on the authorized operational flying hours of 60 hours per month or 720 hours per year and a requirement for 288,000 litres of fuel at a cost $158 per 1,000 litres.

33. *Liability and war-risk insurance*. Provision is made for third-party liability insurance for helicopters based on the United Nations master aviation liability policy rate of $5,500 per helicopter per year.

7. Naval operations ..... —

34. No provision is required under this heading.

8. Communications

(a) Complementary communications 2 016 300

35. *Communications equipment*. Both civilian and military communications equipment listed in annex II.B is earmarked for replacement owing to obsolescence, damage beyond repair and scarcity of spare parts. Some of the equipment is incompatible with the latest technology and operational requirements of the mission.

36. *Spare parts and supplies*. The estimate provides for supplies and spare parts for the operational and maintenance of the UNIFIL communications system. The standard ratio for maintenance of communications equipment is 10 per cent of the standard cost of communications equipment. Based on this ratio, the maintenance cost for communications equipment would be $693,900. However, the mission has reviewed the costs for maintenance based on previous expenditures and current needs. The estimate for the civilian communication network includes spare parts for commercial-pattern radio and telephone equipment, batteries, control and intercom cables, antenna cables and connectors, tower and mast components, satellite spares, miscellaneous supplies and telephone cables ($283,500). The estimate for the military communications network includes spare parts for military-pattern radio equipment and telephone cables/poles and batteries ($323,200).

37. *Workshop and test equipment*. Provision is made for the cost of communications test equipment such as a cable tester ($7,000), protocol analyser ($20,000), line fault locators ($24,000) and workshop tools ($5,000).

38. *Commercial communications*. The cost estimate is based on the actual expenditure data from the 1996/97 financial period. The estimate for the transponder global beam is to cover the UNIFIL share of the satellite transponder lease, as shown in annex II.A.

(b) Main trunking contract ..... —

39. No provision is required under this heading.

9. Other equipment 2 463 400

40. *Office furniture and equipment*. This estimate covers the purchase of office furniture and equipment for the items that are either worn out or damaged beyond repair, as listed in annex II.B.

41. *Data-processing equipment*. During the forthcoming financial period, some 20 per cent of existing computers will exceed their expected useful life. Basic replacements for these items are therefore necessary in order for UNIFIL to fulfil automation requirements. Moreover, there is an urgent need to replace the mission's local area network (LAN) coaxial-based cable with unshielded twisted pairs (UTP) cable in order to improve the speed of the network. Provision is also made for the purchase of a heavy-duty scanner for archiving purposes. By using the UNIFIL LAN, this device will improve efficiency by making documents available in electronic format to all users and reduce the need to save hard copies, thus also reducing the consumption of paper. Details are listed in annex II.B.

42. *Observation equipment*. A list of replacement observation equipment is provided in annex II.B.

43. *Medical and dental equipment*. The United Nations Hospital in Naqoura is a field hospital performing basic surgery and treatment of internal diseases. The medical equipment used by UNIFIL is used mostly for professional first aid and basic treatment. Most of the medical equipment is old and technologically outdated by standards in modern hospitals. There are difficulties in purchasing spare parts for many old models and it is not economically feasible to repair much of the old equipment. Provision is therefore made for the replacement of some outdated equipment as well as for the purchase of new equipment to bring the holdings up to the scale of entitlement. Equipment to be purchased is described in annex II.B.

44. *Accommodation equipment*. Provision is made for the local purchase of accommodation and mess equipment to replace worn-out or damaged items as listed in annex II.B. In addition, provision is also made for the purchase of additional accommodation equipment for catering facilities in the area of operations in order to upgrade them to minimum hygienic standards. Details are shown in annex II.B.

45. *Miscellaneous equipment*. Provision is made for the replacement of worn-out miscellaneous equipment not listed elsewhere, consisting of special hand tools ($30,500), hand-held mine detectors ($15,100), fire-fighting equipment ($80,660) and heaters ($10,670), as listed in annex II.B.

46. *Spare parts, repairs and maintenance*. The standard cost rates for the maintenance of equipment are as follows: (a) for equipment not covered elsewhere, 10 per cent for equipment under two years and 18 per cent for equipment over two years; and (b) for used generators, 20 per cent, and for new generators, 12.5 per cent. Based on standard rates, approximately $3.9 million would be required. The estimates, totalling $1,242,207, are based on actual identified requirements for the purchase of spare parts, repairs and maintenance for the following equipment: office machines ($35,000), electronic equipment ($40,000), data communications ($35,000), generators ($500,000) miscellaneous equipment ($438,642), observation equipment ($110,000), medical equipment ($25,000), welfare equipment ($20,200) and data-processing equipment ($38,365).

10. Supplies and services

(a) Miscellaneous services 1 101 700

47. *Audit services*. This estimate covers the cost of external audit services.

48. *Contractual services*. Based on the standard costs of $12 per person per month for laundry, haircutting, tailoring, garbage collection, cesspit cleaning and general services, the requirements for 4,513 military personnel would amount to approximately $650,000. Based on actual expenditures, provision is for these services at the rate of $9.90 per person per month for 4,513 troops ($536,200). Provision is also made for the hiring of two translators/interpreters under special service agreements ($17,300) and for a semi-annual contract with a local Internet provider in Beirut ($1,320).

49. *Security services*. Provision is made for security services totalling $56,052 as follows: (a) for UNIFIL vehicles maintained in a parking lot located close to the border of Israel and Lebanon, based on a rate of $3,600 per month ($43,200); and (b) for the UNIFIL share of security services provided to UNIFIL House in Beirut, based on a rate of $1,071 per month ($12,852).

50. *Medical treatment and services*. Provision is made for medical care and treatment of sick and injured military personnel as well as for emergency dental care of troops at outside facilities when treatment cannot be furnished by the Force's established medical and dental facilities. The United Nations field hospital is organized to provide assistance in two main medical branches: surgery and internal diseases. Other or more complicated cases have to be treated or consulted about outside UNIFIL, in Israeli or Lebanese hospitals. UNIFIL currently uses two hospitals in Israel (the Western Galilee Hospital, Nahariya, and the 1 Medical Centre) and one hospital in Lebanon (the Sauda Hammoud Hospital) for these cases. During the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, cases involving untypical respiratory tract, alimentary and other diseases through very complicated fractures, to serious cardiac diseases or injuries that were the result of military actions and traffic accidents were referred for outside treatment amounting to $200,800. Therefore, based on the past spending pattern, provision is made in the amount of $180,000.

51. *Claims and adjustments*. Provision is made for an average strength of 4,513 military personnel, 146 international staff and 382 local staff for a total of 60,492 person/months in accordance with the standard rate of $1 per person per month.

52. *Official hospitality*. The estimate provides for limited hospitality to official delegations.

53. *Miscellaneous other services*. Provision is made for postage of personal mail for the troops ($58,400), the cost of veterinary service for 30 patrol dogs ($45,750) and other services ($60,000).

(b) Miscellaneous supplies 2 405 700

54. *Stationery and office supplies*. The estimate covers the cost of stationery, envelopes, registry and reproduction supplies, teleprinter paper and tape, data-processing paper, ribbons, correcting tapes and other miscellaneous items.

55. *Sanitation and cleaning materials*. Based on the standard costs of $5 per person per month for all personnel, the requirements would amount to approximately $299,000. Based on previous expenditure patterns, provision is made for the cost of insecticides, disinfectants, bleaches, chemical toilet powder and liquid, soaps and detergents, brooms, mops, rags, water-purification chemicals, cleansers, waxes, air fresheners, spray equipment and brushes at the rate of $2.67 per person per month for a total of 60,492 person/months. This is the minimum amount required to provide adequate health and cleaning conditions to kitchens, offices and living quarters in the area of operations.

56. *Subscriptions*. Provision is made for the cost of magazines, newspapers and other reading materials, including local subscriptions ($21,031) and international subscriptions ($4,658), Reuters news service ($11,880), Jeppesen's aircraft database ($1,700) and aviation publications ($500).

57. *Uniform items, flags and decals*. Provision is made for uniforms that the military personnel retain on rotation ($94,000), United Nations clothing to troops ($134,882), purchase of 502 level III fragmentation jackets at $320 each ($160,640), upgrading of 601 fragmentation jackets from level I to level II at $165 each ($109,065), miscellaneous clothing ($21,535), United Nations medal sets ($24,000) and national flags ($25,442). The increase in requirements from the previous financial period is due mainly to the need to provide minimum safety standards to military and civilian personnel in the form of fragmentation jackets. A recent operations branch study has indicated that UNIFIL body armours must be upgraded to level III for personnel in observation towers, armoured personnel carrier crews and other personnel performing dangerous tasks.

58. *Field defence stores*. This estimate provides for fence pickets, T-wall elements, shelters, observation towers, gates, binding wire, barbed wire, chain-link fence, gabions, link chain, sandbags, concertina wire and stone for gabions.

59. *Quartermaster and general stores*. This estimate covers the cost of refilling fire extinguishers, photographic supplies, packing and packaging supplies, oxygen and acetylene refills, freon gas, butane gas for cooking, assorted gas cylinders, kitchen items (cookery, cutlery), paper products, mosquito netting, mattresses, including covers, pillows, blankets and bed sheets, garbage bags, tablecloths (plastic and paper), plastic jerrycans, curtains, field toilets, operational maps and other miscellaneous supplies.

11. Election-related supplies and services ..... —

60. No provision is required under this heading.

12. Public information programmes ..... —

61. No provision is required under this heading.

13. Training programmes 2 900

62. Provision is made for the training of two technicians in Sweden on the operation and maintenance of the digital UHF/microwave network system ($2,920).

14. Mine-clearing programmes ..... —

63. No provision is required under this heading.

15. Assistance for disarmament and demobilization ..... —

64. No provision is required under this heading.

16. Air and surface freight 332 000

65. *Commercial freight and cartage*. This estimate provides for the cost of shipping and handling of supplies and equipment for which no provision has been made elsewhere. The provision includes commercial and military airlifts ($98,000), Beirut Port Authority charges ($74,000), customs clearing and freight forwarding services for UNIFIL shipments through Beirut harbour (including charges for any shipments through Tyre) ($61,000), customs clearing and freight forwarding services for armoured personnel carriers to Finland for repair

or exchange ($29,000), rental of civilian transport ($10,000) and the cost of items shipped from the United Nations Headquarters to the mission ($60,000).

17. United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi ..... —

66. No provision is made since the budget of the United Nations Logistics Base in Brindisi will be presented separately to the General Assembly.

18. Support account for peacekeeping operations ..... —

67. No provision is made since the budget for the support account will be presented separately to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-second session.

19. Staff assessment 3 993 500

68. The estimate represents the difference between gross and net emoluments, that is, the amount of staff assessment to which United Nations staff members are subject, in accordance with the Staff Regulations of the United Nations.

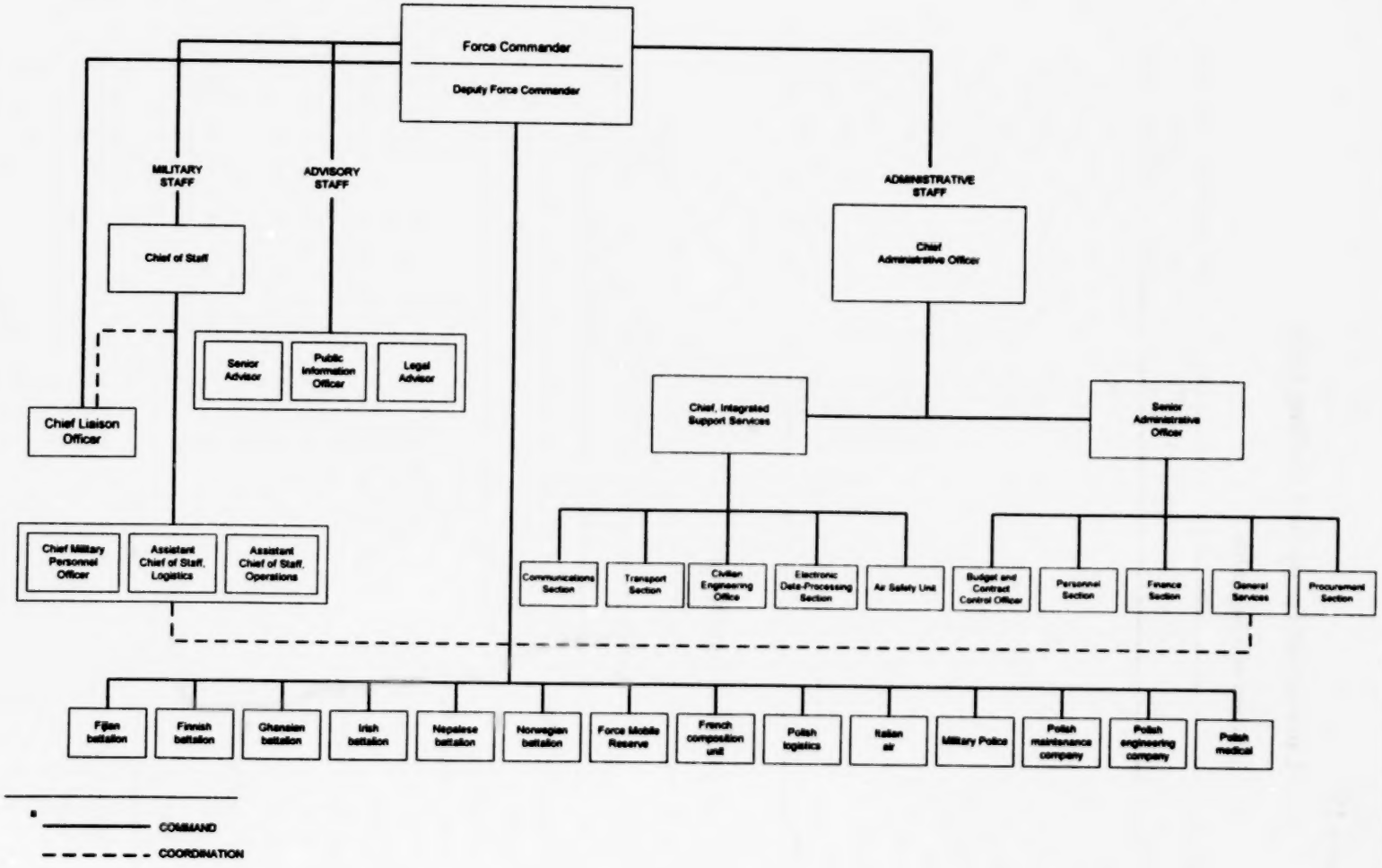
20. Income ..... —

69. *Staff assessment.* Staff assessment requirements provided for under expenditure line item 19 have been credited to this item as income from staff assessment and are credited to the Tax Equalization Fund established by the General Assembly in its resolution 973 (X) A of 5 December 1955. Member States are given credit in the Fund in proportion to their respective rates of contribution to the UNIFIL budget.

70. *Other income.* Included under this heading is the estimated income to be derived from the sale of obsolete or surplus equipment and stores.

Annex III

Proposed organizational chart[a]



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Annex IV

Current and proposed staffing table

A. Military staffing table

Contingent	Troop strength		Difference
	Current	Proposed	
Fijian	589	589	—
Finnish	490	490	—
French	234	234	—
Ghanaian	649	649	—
Irish	623	623	—
Italian	44	44	—
Nepalese	603	603	—
Norwegian	484	484	—
Polish	797	797	—
Total	**4 513**	**4 513**	**—**

B. Civilian staffing table

	Professional category and above							General Service and related categories				
	ASG	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2	Total	Field Service	Other level	Total	Local staff	Grand total
Force Commander's Office												
Current	1	1	—	1	1	—	4	—	4	4	—	8
Proposed	1	1	—	2	1	—	5	—	4	4	—	9
Chief Administrative Office												
Current	—	1	—	1	2	—	4	—	2	2	—	6
Proposed	—	1	—	—	3	—	4	—	2	2	—	6
Civilian Engineering Office												
Current	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	20	1	21	70	93
Proposed	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	20	1	21	85	108
Personnel Section												
Current	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	6	7	4	12
Proposed	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	6	7	4	12
Communications												
Current	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	24	31	55
Proposed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	24	32	56

	Professional category and above							General Service and related categories				
	ASG	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2	Total	Field Service	Other level	Total	Local staff	Grand total
Transport Section												
Current	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	3	29	59	88
Proposed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	3	29	65	94
Procurement Section												
Current	—	—	1	—	2	—	3	3	9	12	14	29
Proposed	—	—	1	—	2	—	3	3	9	12	14	29
Electronic Data-Processing Section												
Current	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	6	8
Proposed	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	6	8
Finance Section												
Current	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	8	8	9	18
Proposed	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	8	8	9	18
General Services												
Current	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	6	9	15	45	61
Proposed	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	6	9	15	72	88
Military support												
Current	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	86	88
Proposed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	86	88
Beirut – Procurement Section												
Current	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	7	8
Proposed	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	7	8
Tyre – Force Commander's Office												
Current	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Proposed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Integrated Support Services												
Current	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Proposed	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Air Safety Unit												
Current	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Proposed	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Total												
Current	1	2	3	4	5	3	18	80	45	125	333	476
Proposed	1	2	4	4	7	3	21	80	45	125	382	528

Annex V

Functional titles and job descriptions of the proposed additional staff

I. International staff posts

Chief, Integrated Support Services (P-5, 1 post)

Under the guidance and management of the Chief Administrative Officer, the incumbent would be responsible for the administration and management of technical support to the civilian and military components of UNIFIL; coordinating and integrating at all levels the civilian and military counterparts involved in the technical support functions to ensure the efficient use of the logistical and technical resources available to the mission; developing and implementing the logistic support arrangements based on the mission administration support plan and the operational requirements of each mission component; consulting and coordinating with other senior mission staff in the other components of the mission on matters concerning the technical and logistical support priorities of their components; conducting, as appropriate and relevant, negotiations or consultations on behalf of the Chief Administrative Officer with national authorities or other United Nations agencies on issues affecting the logistical and technical support to the mission; and, in particular, overseeing the management and functioning of the following sections: Logistics Section, Movement Control Section (air operations, movement control and air safety), Electronic Data-Processing Section, Communications Section, Transport Section and Engineering Support Services.

Air Operations Specialist (P-3, 1 post)

The incumbent would be responsible for:

(a) Advising the Chief Administrative Officer, through the Integrated Support Services, on matters related to air operations, air traffic control, navigational and instrument landing aids in the operations area, identifying any shortcomings in the overall air structure and providing solutions. Ensuring that all airfield and helicopter landing sites are operating in accordance with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) guidelines;

(b) The conduct and management of air service contracts in accordance with the provisions of the invitation to bid, contracts and the ICAO charter;

(c) Coordinating all aviation matters/reports and the contract management of air charter agreements for long-term charters and military aviation letters of assist by reviewing/inspecting aircraft and training and maintenance programmes.

Political Affairs Officer (P-3, 1 post)

Under the supervision of the Senior Adviser, the incumbent would be responsible for providing assistance to the Senior Adviser by keeping him informed of current local, national and regional developments; maintaining liaison with official and non-official bodies, and, in particular, local officials; and drafting reports to United Nations Headquarters and reviewing statements and press bulletins prepared by the Information Officer and, in his absence, assuming his responsibilities.

UNIFIL, with a troop strength of 4,513, has only two officers in political/press affairs; a Senior Adviser (D-1) and a Press and Information Officer (P-4).

South Lebanon, the only active front in the Middle East, has become a focus of increasing attention and requires closer monitoring than ever before. Additional workloads have been generated as a result of the establishment and working of the Monitoring Group, which meets at UNIFIL headquarters. When tension and hostilities reach high levels, UNIFIL is required to intervene. This has become frequent of late. A growing trend is that United Nations interventions have to be made simultaneously at various levels. So far, the Press and Information Officer has helped out when necessary, but workloads related to press and information activities have also been increasing as a result of the aforementioned developments. The creation of a Political Affairs Officer post will address this problem.

It should be noted that, even with the creation of this post, staffing in political/press affairs is still modest, compared with other missions of similar size.

II. Local staff posts

The following 11 general temporary assistance posts involve core functions in support of the mandate of UNIFIL and have been utilized by the Force to replace Field Service staff assigned to various other peacekeeping missions.

General Maintenance, Warm and Cold Unit/Engineering Section (2 posts)

The Section repairs and reconditions a multitude of appliances ranging from walk-in freezers to air-conditioners to small household appliances. It saves the costs and effort of replacing thousands of expensive items. Local staff are outstandingly inventive in accomplishing repairs. Two posts are required, in addition to the two existing local posts, to meet UNIFIL requirements fully for gas appliance repairs and for refrigeration repairs.

General Maintenance, Generator Unit/Engineering Section (2 posts)

The Unit maintains and repairs 52 large generators, overhauls ex-mission stock (currently 120 in line) and manages spares for an extra 528 generators. All units in UNIFIL depend upon generated electricity for communications, information systems, workshops and domestic use. Two posts are required, in addition to the two existing local posts, to ensure the continuity of supply and the smooth operation of overhaul and spares management programmes.

Finance assistant, Pay and Allowances Unit/Finance Section (1 post)

One post is required, in addition to the existing local post, owing to the heavy normal workload, including ad hoc assignments such as the implementation of retroactive salary increases.

Panel beater/painter, Workshop Unit/Transport Section (1 post)

In addition to mechanical repairs, the Section repairs accident damage. In the past 12 months, vehicle accidents have averaged 22 per month, all of which require panel beating and repainting. Jobs can last over a week. One post is required, in addition to the four existing local posts, to enable the Section to meet UNIFIL's requirements on a timely basis.

Electronic Data-Processing Unit's focal point, Force Vehicle Inventory Unit/Transport Section (1 post)

The Unit maintains the inventory of the mission fleet and depends on effective database management and interface with the Electronic Data-Processing Unit. One local staff post is required to provide this function.

UHF technicians, UHF Microwave Unit/Communications Section (2 posts)

The Unit is responsible for the maintenance of the links to the Lebanese and Israeli national grids. The operational units and UNIFIL headquarters depend on these links. Two posts are required, in addition to the existing local post, in order for the Section to operate effectively.

Telephone technician, Satellite and Telephone Unit/Communications Section (Local Staff, 1 post)

The Unit is responsible for the installation and maintenance of the new digital telephone exchange, its extensions and the Naqoura component of the United Nations worldwide satellite service. One post is required, in addition to the existing three local posts, in order to provide optimum service to operational units.

VHF technician, Satellite and Telephone Unit/Communications Section (1 post)

The Unit installs and maintains vehicle-mounted radios on which operational and safety communications depend. It also provides mast- and line-laying support. One post is required, in addition to the existing two local posts, in order to ensure the military unit's efficiency and safety.

In addition, the following 38 additional local posts are proposed:

Engineering staff (7 posts)

The Building Maintenance Unit of the Engineer Support Services has a staff of 2 internationals, one of whom is the Unit Supervisor, and 23 locally employed tradesmen and semi-skilled workers and is further supported by 7 contractors. This small Unit has to maintain, renovate and carry out alterations to 220 prefabricated offices, kitchen/diners and accommodation buildings, 40 solid office buildings, 15 prefabricated warehouses and workshops, as well as numerous infrastructure items such as walls, fences, hard standing areas, sewage and storm water drains and so on. It also assists with works in the area of operations. The proposed additional engineering posts consist of:

(a) **Tiling contractors (2 posts)**. The incumbent would be responsible for tiling and masonry work. These contractors will do alterations to offices, accommodation and ablution facilities that require masonry walls built, concrete floor cases and tiling of floors and walls. There is also a requirement for maintenance patch repairing and concreting new hard standing areas and repairs or alterations to existing ones. The Building Maintenance Unit has only one mason and no tilers. Without the services of two tilers, it will not be able to meet the large demand for this type of work.

(b) **Welder (1 post)**. The incumbent would be responsible for fabricating gates, fence posts, water tower stands, roof trusses, aluminium window and door frames, as well as repairs to these types of items. There is a large demand for these services, not only in Naqoura Camp but also in the area of operations.

(c) **Handymen (2 posts)**. One handyman would be responsible for operating the digger/loader and driving the dump truck. The Building Maintenance Unit does not have another person qualified to operate the loader/digger, which is in constant demand to dig trenches for repairs to or installation of water pipes, drains and electrical cables. This equipment is also used to load building materials and rubble. The second handyman would function as a carpenter responsible for the assembly and maintenance of prefabricated units. At present, there are four carpenters assigned to the Unit, who carry out alterations and renovations of existing prefabricated and solid buildings, install shelving and office cabinets and assist battalions in installing new prefabricated units. Moreover, there is also an ongoing general maintenance requirement on very old buildings. A fifth carpenter is required to make up the minimum staffing level.

(d) **Sewage System Operators (2 posts)**. The incumbent would be responsible, on a regular basis, for the operation of the sewage truck, including emptying septic tanks, clearing drainage pipes and topping up the chlorination systems. Currently, one sewage system operator is assigned to the Building Maintenance Unit. A minimum of two persons are required to operate the sewage truck. The addition of two posts would bring the total number of sewage system operators to three, which is the minimum required for the volume of work.

Translators/interpreters (19 posts)

The mission is located in an Arabic-speaking country. The battalions in UNIFIL are not Arabic-speaking and there is therefore a need to provide interpreters for the battalions to conduct their normal business (delivery of all humanitarian services, complaints from the local population, medical assistance, casualty evacuation, engineering works, local events and happenings in their area of responsibility, coordination with United Nations activities and so on.). The battalions also rely on these interpreters for translation of documents in Arabic and to enable the mission to conduct its tasks in a hostile environment with the knowledge that they can communicate with the local population. The provision of translators/interpreters is vital for the mission as a misunderstanding may lead to loss of life.

Language teachers (2 posts)

One of the posts will be shared between the English and French teachers who will provide English instruction to members of the military staff who arrive in the mission area and are not fluent in the mission's working language, which is English. French is an official language of the United Nations and is also taught as many of the local population are fluent in that language. The other post will be used for an Arabic instructor who will also work as a translator in the headquarters area.

Cooks (6 posts)

There are battalions in the mission who are not able to provide all the cooking staff necessary in all locations to adequately feed the troops. Assistance is therefore provided to these units. In addition, there are currently two cooks employed at the United Nations in Beirut, preparing meals seven days a week for the military staff on full-time duty and living in United Nations House. This is more cost-effective than providing meal allowances.

Handymen (3 posts)

Two handymen posts would be required to perform cleaning, minor maintenance, loading/off-loading duties. The first post would be assigned in Beirut. The second would be assigned to the Tyre Logistics Base. The third post would be an electrician who would provide support to the Tyre Logistics Base and to the Force Mobile Reserve as these units do not have the services of a full-time electrician. The electrician will also act as a technical point of contact in the area.

Communications assistant (1 post)

One communications assistant would be required to operate the communications centre on a 24-hour basis and to handle telephone billings.

Annex VI

Resources made available and operating costs from inception to 30 June 1998, as at 31 December 1997

(Millions of United States dollars)

	Gross	*Net*
A. Summary of resources		
1. Appropriations		
Inception-31 January 1996	2 575.6	2 546.9
1 February-30 April 1996 (resolution 50/89 B)	32.3	31.4
1 May-30 June 1996 (resolution 50/89 B)	21.6	21.0
1 July 1996-30 June 1997 (resolution 50/89 B)	125.7	122.7
1 July 1997-30 June 1998 (resolution 51/233)	125.0	120.9
Commitment authorization (resolution 51/233)	1.8	1.8
Total, line 1	**2 882.0**	**2 844.7**
2. Operating costs		
Inception-31 January 1996	2 562.4	2 536.9
1 February-30 April 1996	30.6	29.9
1 May-30 June 1996	20.0	19.5
1 July 1996-30 June 1997	126.1	122.8
1 July 1997-30 June 1998	125.0	120.9
Commitment authorization (resolution 51/233)	1.2	1.2
Total, line 2	**2 865.3**	**2 831.2**
3. Credits applied to Member States		
From unencumbered balances	16.1	12.7
From surpluses for prior years	—	—
Total, line 3	**16.1**	**12.7**
4. Unencumbered balance (1 less 2 and 3)	0.6	0.8
B. Cash position		
1. Income		
Assessed contributions received	2 646.7	2 646.7
Voluntary contributions in kind	—	—
Voluntary contributions in cash	[a]	[a]
Interest income	1.7	1.7

		Gross	*Net*
	Miscellaneous income	0.3	0.3
	Total, line 1	**2 648.7**	**2 648.7**
2.	*Less: Total operating costs* (Total, item A.2)	**2 865.3**	**2 831.2**
3.	*Projected operating deficit* (1 less 2)	(216.6)	(182.5)

[a] Voluntary contributions from Cyprus of $2,707 for the period from 1 January 1996 to 31 January 1997.

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Letter dated 24 February 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as Chairman of the Arab Group for February 1998 and on behalf of the members of the League of Arab States, I am writing with reference to the summary statement by the Secretary-General on matters of which the Security Council is seized and on the stage reached in their consideration (document S/1998/44 of 9 January 1998). Pursuant to a decision taken by the Arab Group, I have the honour to request you to retain the items listed hereunder in the agenda of the Security Council.

1. The Palestine question.

12. Arrangements for the proposed Peace Conference on the Middle East.

17. The Middle East problem, including the Palestinian question.

18. Request by the Libyan Arab Republic and Pakistan for consideration of the serious situation arising from recent developments in the occupied Arab territories (S/12017).

20. The question of the exercise by the Palestinian people of its inalienable rights.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 36, 37 and 87, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ali HACHANI
Permanent Representative
of Tunisia to the United Nations
Chairman of the Arab Group

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Letter dated 26 February 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following grave development concerning the destruction of the cultural identity of the occupied part of Cyprus:

As you know, the protection, maintenance and restitution of all historic buildings belonging to all faiths in Cyprus, in both the free and the occupied areas, is of paramount significance to the Government of Cyprus because these historic buildings reflect the unique and varied history and culture of Cyprus.

The Armenian monastery of St. Makar, built in the tenth century and well known for its monastic order, spiritual contribution and cultural activities throughout the centuries, is one of these historic buildings. St. Makar, furthermore, is considered to be one of the most significant places of worship for the Armenian people in general and for the Armenians of Cyprus in particular. For centuries it served as a shrine and as a resting place for Armenian pilgrims visiting the Holy Land and stood as a landmark for all Armenians in their religious and spiritual quest.

Today, this once vibrant and significant monastery, after being looted, vandalized and partly destroyed, is abandoned and in ruins. It has been abandoned since 1974, when the Turkish occupation of Northern Cyprus blocked the access of the Armenians to the monastery.

Recently the Turkish Cypriot press announced plans for the conversion of the monastery into a 50-bed hotel. This conversion is in violation of the 1954 Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and the Declaration of the Principles of International Cultural Cooperation adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Furthermore, this planned

illegal conversion of the St. Makar monastery will do irreparable damage not only to the Armenian people and the Armenian Church but also to the cultural and historical character of Cyprus.

This latest development is but another cogent example of Turkey's intransigence, intentions and determination to alter the indigenous character of the occupied area of Cyprus. Disregarding all international agreements, violating the basic tenets of civilization and desecrating what is sacred and holy to the people of Cyprus, Turkey is proceeding in a calculated and well-executed plan to alter a civilization that has lasted for more than 8,000 years.

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sotos ZACKHEOS
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Letter dated 27 February 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 27 February 1998, addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Aytuğ Plümer, Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hüseyin E. ÇELEM
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 27 February 1998 from Mr. Aytuğ Plumer addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letters dated 10 and 23 February 1998 addressed to you by the Greek Cypriot representative at the United Nations which contain allegations regarding "violations of the airspace of the Republic" (A/52/793-S/1998/120 and A/52/800-S/1998/149).

I would like to recall that similar charges on so-called "airspace violations" were rejected in toto in our successive communications addressed to you, most recently in my letter dated 19 January 1998 (A/52/773-S/1998/57, annex). I wish to reiterate briefly that flights within the sovereign airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus take place with the full knowledge and consent of the appropriate authorities of the State, over which the usurper Greek Cypriot regime in the South has no jurisdiction or right of say whatsoever.

The barrage of allegations made by the Greek Cypriot administration on so-called "airspace violations" emanate from its untenable claims to sovereignty and jurisdiction over the whole of the island. These allegations are aimed at providing a smokescreen for the policy of escalation and tension which the Greek Cypriot side has been pursuing intensively with the support of Greece. The Greek Cypriot side has been building up its arms and armed forces through a militarization programme involving excessive spending. With the construction of the "Andreas Papandreou" military airbase in Paphos and the decision to deploy sophisticated weapons, such as the S-300 missile system, in line with the "joint defence doctrine" between the Greek Cypriot administration and Greece, the military build-up in the South has taken a dangerous and reckless turn. These are disturbing developments which constitute an effort to alter the military balance in favour of Greece, thereby creating instability in the region.

All parties interested in the peaceful settlement of the Cyprus dispute should draw the attention of the Greek Cypriot side to the dangers inherent in the policy of escalation and tension it is pursuing on the island. Greek Cypriots must come to realize that militarization and the continued denial of the Turkish Cypriot people's vested right of sovereign equality are the principal factors inhibiting progress towards a peaceful settlement in Cyprus.

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Aytuğ PLUMER
Representative
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus